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bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 574. (LB) 574 will be passed over. That completes the Select File business. We will move back to LB 608. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, next motion I have with respect to 608, Senator Beutler. (FA52 is found on page 980 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 608.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, this wasn't in the plan. I believe what I'll do, if the body will give me a minute, is to amend this particular amendment so as to bracket this bill till tomorrow. I mean, I think what we need is more information and, if we get more information, we can avoid having a discussion that's perhaps not based on everybody being at the same level of information. And at least for myself, I feel so uncertain about it that I would expend the half hour debating, but that doesn't seem to benefit us all to just debate for the purpose of debating for a half hour. So, with that, I'm going to leave the motion up there. I'm going to file a motion to bracket till tomorrow so we can discuss it tomorrow and move on to other business. I...maybe I should ask Senator Matzke, that work for you, Senator Matzke, just to put it off till tomorrow so we can get some more information and discuss some other bills the rest of today?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke, would you yield?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, I guess I would rather advance the bill with the agreement that we'll work on it between now and when it comes up on Select File. I understand your concern. I would tell you that this language is actually drafted by the Department of Labor. They feel that it is necessary to be consistent in the treatment of vacation pay and so this is an essential part of the bill. I would be happy to discuss it with you and we can certainly dig into it a great deal. I would prefer to advance the bill and get it...get that one step out of the way. We'll still have plenty of time on Select File to address your concern or your motion at that time, if you would consent to do that.